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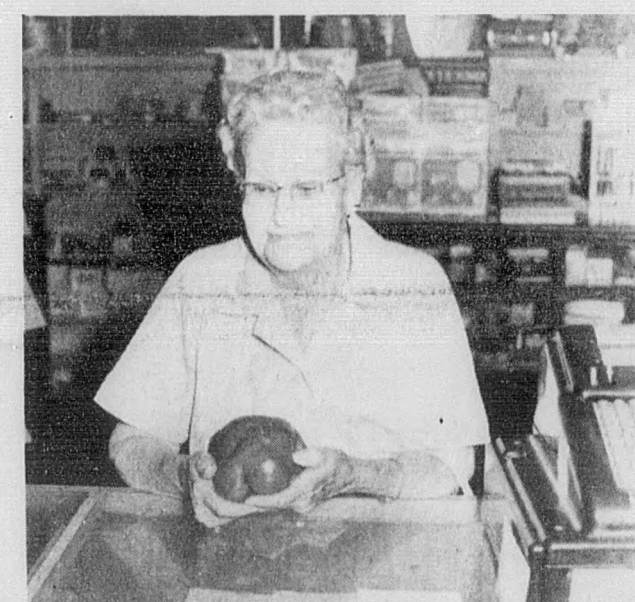
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JULY



Mrs. Harper Grows Huge Tomato Crop

Mrs. J. L. Harper of New Brockton, Rt. 1, holds several large tomatoes she grew in her garden. The largest tomato pictured is 17-5/8 inches around and weighs 5 pounds and 3 ounces. Mrs. Harper reported she had also grown a 2-1/2-pound tomato that was 15-1/2 inches around.



Mrs. Meek Grows Odd Tomato

Mrs. F. E. Meek, a resident of the Basin Community for 58 years, brought in this odd-shaped 1-1/4-pound tomato last week. Mrs. Meek said she has a lot of big tomatoes, but this is the biggest one.

Are we really running out of energy?

Two recent studies considered authoritative said the world's use of oil could exceed the world's production of oil by 1981 or 1985 (depending on which study is quoted), causing global shortages and higher prices. Presumably, there are oil deposits still undiscovered but just how much is debatable. The only country capable of stepping up production of known supplies is Saudi Arabia. Whether it will do so is another matter since that Middle East nation has trouble now spending the income it gets from its current production of 9-10 million barrels a day.

In the U.S., declining production and increased use has forced us to import more and more oil so that today 48 per cent—nearly half—of our liquid petroleum comes from foreign sources. In the 1950s and 1960s, the use of oil shot up nearly 90 per cent. After price controls were imposed on crude oil in 1972, production dropped 15 per cent. The highest consumption rate was for natural gas, probably our scarcest fuel. One of the lowest consumption rates was for coal, our most abundant domestic fuel. Nuclear power still provides only a fraction of U.S. energy needs.

Miller Tells Of State Funds That Are Allocated To Elba

In a recent informal conversation with Senator Wallace Miller, a number of commitments for State help to local communities were discussed. Miller announced that Gov. Wallace had committed \$20,000 to Elba for upgrading of city streets. This is interest on revenue-sharing money, and is to be utilized through the State Highway Department for resurfacing or paving unpaved streets. This grant has since been confirmed by a letter to the city from the State of Alabama. Miller said he was working with other local, state and federal agencies for additional projects.

Reserve To Display Army Helicopter Here

There will be a helicopter display in the parking lot of the Big Bear in Elba, on Saturday, July 16.

Recruiters will be on duty to answer questions for those wishing information on joining the Army Reserve. There are several openings in Avionics Repair, Avionics Mechanics, Gas and Diesel Mechanics and Typing.

Rescue Squad

Members Donate

The Elba Rescue Squad traveled a total distance of 1,789 miles during the month of June, using 165 hours and 11 minutes of time on their 35 runs, involving 79 people. Seventeen runs were local, in which 41 people participated, with a distance of 262 miles in 61 hours and 48 minutes. Out-of-town runs totaled 18, for a distance of 1,527 miles, with 103 hours and 23 minutes, utilizing 38 members.

NEW BROCKTON TO HAVE COMPLETE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Because of sufficient state and federal funding, it will be possible to have a complete program of kindergarten instruction at New Brockton School for the school year 1977-78. The only qualification for admittance to the kindergarten program is that the children must be five years of age on or before October 1. In order to determine the amount of supplies and materials needed for the kindergarten program, it will be necessary for all children to be registered in the principal's office at New Brockton School by July 15. It is imperative that all parents register their children so that all children may be served. This will be a part of the regular elementary program and will be of no expense to the parents.

According to Miller, New Brockton was allocated \$12,000 and Kinston \$5,000, also through the Highway Department for upgrading of streets. Miller noted that he represented a large area, and that he worked with the Geneva County Commission and Probate Judge Harold Wise to get a \$35,000 commitment from the Governor for Geneva County. A number of communities in the area have received revenue sharing funds for recreational development. Kinston got \$500; Florala \$1,000; Samson \$1,000; Cottonwood \$1,000 and Coffee Springs, \$500. Senator Miller noted that the General Fund of the last regular session of the Alabama

County Declared Disaster Because Of No Rain

Coffee County is among 42 Alabama counties that have been declared disaster areas as a result of severe drought conditions. The announcement of the declaration was made last week by the Federal Interagency Drought Coordinating Committee.

"I am pleased that I have been notified by the president's office that these counties have been approved," said Governor George Wallace of the disaster declaration. "The drought conditions," said Wallace, "have created a real emergency situation with our farmers in Alabama, and they are entitled to receive whatever assistance is available to help them overcome this extreme hardship which no one could anticipate." It is estimated that millions of dollars worth of crops have been lost in the state as a result of severe drought conditions extending back to mid-April. Also, many cattlemen have been forced to sell stock

Job Opening With State Announced

The Alabama State Personnel Department recently announced examinations for filling present vacancies in the following positions:

Health Educator II (\$10,712-\$12,876)
Correctional Investigative Services Officer (\$10,361-\$12,532)
Correctional Warden II (\$16,874-\$21,515)
Community Based Facility Assistant Director (\$11,427-\$13,806)
Patient Services Specialist (\$15,286-\$16,874)
Industrial Development Research Assistant (\$10,712-\$12,896)

Full information and application forms may be obtained from the State Personnel Department at Montgomery or from any local office of the State Employment Service. Applications should be filed by July 15.

Legionnaires Plan Special Meeting

The Legionnaires will have a special meeting on July 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion Home on the Troy Highway. At this meeting, a decision will be made concerning Culver Post No. 42. Refreshments - hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, etc. - will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.



Truck Burns At Woodyard

Elba firemen responded to a call from Elba Wood Products Wednesday morning and found a late-model pickup truck burning. Company officials said the truck belonged to an employee and some work was being done on it at the time. They said that when an employee started to do some welding on the truck it blazed up everywhere.



Weed Control Is Subject Of Meet

Looking over weed control plots at the Wiregrass Substation are three who took part in the June 28 weed control field day at the Headland unit of Auburn University Agricultural Experiment Station. Left to right are Tom Casaday, Coffee County Agent-Coordinator, J. G. Sterling, superintendent of the Wiregrass Substation, and Charles Hayes III, Elba. Some 100 farmers and Extension Service workers attended the afternoon session to observe weed control research underway.



Kleinert's Employees Enjoy Plantwide Vacation Party On Friday

Kleinert's, Inc. held a vacation party on Friday, July 1, for its employees before the plant closed for a one-week holiday. The employees were treated to a delicious barbecue lunch, and the management served over 500 plates to hungry workers. At 3:15 p.m. a drawing was held to give away several prizes to lucky employees. Winning prizes were:

Pearlie Armstrong - color TV;
Loretta Sanders - 20-inch fan;
Denise Fulton - 2 lawn chairs;
Ann Vann - blender;
Linda Gail Walker - blender;
Kathy Downing - blender;
Deloris Flowers - lawn chaise;
Bobby Matthews - mixer;
Jule Bowden - ice cream freezer;
Alene Sheets - hair dryer;

Amie Flowers - glasses;
Boyd Killingsworth - glasses;
Peggy Brunson - glasses;
Nancy Marler - dishes;
Norma Vasquez - ice cooler;
Sara Stinson - barbecue grill.

POOR ORIGINAL

Sports

Views From
The
Pressbox

by, Ricky Mularz Sports Editor

If you didn't see the softball tournament held in Elba last week, here is what you missed: 27 games, 511 runs, 642 hits and 88 home runs.

TOURNEY IS FILLED WITH STARS

The softball tournament held last weekend in Elba was highlighted by the performances of several players. The "top" player in the tourney was Bill Hope of Superior. Hope jacked 11 home runs, including 4 in one game. Hope also had 22 runs-batted-in and turned in an error-less performance at first base.

Jerry Owens, also of Superior, "only" hit 6 homers, but hit two blasts that went over 350 feet! Owens had 16 runs-batted-in.

Greenville Bank had a trio of hitting stars, led by Tony Merrick. Merrick went 10 for 20 with 6 home runs and 13 runs-batted-in. Pete Beverly went 7 for 15 with 4 homers, while Vistart went 8 for 19 with 7 home runs.

ODDS-H-ENDS
I heard last week that Leary Bostwell will be an assistant football coach at New Brockton High School next season. Leary was a dedicated player at Elba, and I'm sure he will show the same dedication in coaching.

***I read in Sunday's Advertiser that Mac Champion will coach next year at Morgan Academy. The article reported Champion will work on a "volunteer" basis. I bet ya Morgan Academy will field a strong team in '77.

***The City of Montgomery will open its new softball complex on Monday, July 11, and there will be the first two games will be Ken Sanders Ford, the No. 1 softball team in the nation. Games will start at 6:30 and 7:45. It might be worth the ride to see this team in action.

***Dolan's annual tennis tournament for men and women will be starting July 15-17 for singles and July 22-24 for doubles. Entry fee is \$5 per person for singles, and \$6 per team for doubles.

***Brantley football coach Mike Sasser was named this week as an assistant coach for this summer's High School All-Star game. Sasser, who coached at Elba for one day, led Brantley to a 13-1 record in 1976.

***Red Level basketball coach Jimmy Prestwood will help coach the South All-Stars in this summer's All-Star Basketball game in Tuscaloosa.

IN CLOSING...
The Men's Softball League in Elba has only two more weeks, so if you haven't seen a game you'd better hurry up! Till then...

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Superior Roofing

Wins Elba

Softball Classic

Superior Roofing, led by the awesome 1-2 punch of Bill Hope and Jerry Owens, defeated Seale's Standard two straight games Saturday night to win the 14-team Elba Softball Classic.

Owens, the left-fielder, went 17-11 in the finals of the winner's bracket, but Superior battled back and handed Seale's, 17-2 and 6-2 defeats to win the tournament.

Hope, the first baseman for Superior, went 18 for 23 in the tourney for a .783 batting average. Hope also hit 11 home runs and drove in 22 runs.

Owens, the left-fielder, went 14 for 22 for a .636 batting average. Owens hit 6 home runs and knocked in 16 runs.

Greenville Bank finished third in the tourney, while Ft. Rucker claimed fourth place honors.

Here are complete tourney results:

GAME 1
Budweiser 20 - Anderson, Ft. 13

GAME 2
Greenville Bank 13 - Brundidge 10

GAME 3
Hilmarc 11 - Dorsey 10

GAME 4
New Brockton 15 - Dinner Bell 8

GAME 5
Peoples Bank 14 - Sanders 8

GAME 6
Ft. Rucker 7 (forfeit) - Wicksburg 0

GAME 7
Seale's 18 - Budweiser 0

GAME 8
Superior 12 - Ft. Rucker 5

GAME 9
Brundidge 14 - Anderson Ft. 5

GAME 10
Blinner Bell 11 - Dorsey 9

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GAME 12
Ft. Rucker 7 (forfeit) - Budweiser 0

GAME 13
Greenville Bank 12 - Hilmarc 4

GAME 14
New Brockton 12 - Peoples Bank 5

GAME 15
Brundidge 10 - Dinner Bell 5

GAME 16
Ft. Rucker 8 - Sanders 7

GAME 17
Seale's 14 - Gville Bank 3

GAME 18
Superior 32 - New Brockton 3

GAME 19
Hilmarc 10 - B'didge 6

GAME 20
Ft. Rucker 8 - Peoples Bank 5

GAME 21
Gville Bank 14 - Hilmarc 5

GAME 22
Ft. Rucker 17 - New Brockton 13

GAME 23
SEALE'S 17 - Superior 11

GAME 24
Gville Bank 20 - Ft. Rucker 10

GAME 25
Superior 16 - Gville Bank 0

GAME 26
Superior 17 - Seale's 2

GAME 27
Superior 6 - Seale's 2

EMBARRASSING, BURNING

Itching?

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Carolya Crawford holds 12 pounds of catfish she caught Monday in a private pond.

Carolya caught the fish while using chicken liver for bait.

Picture compliments of The Elba Bait Shop.

FISHING SPOTLIGHT

Sally Willis holds two catfish he caught Saturday. The fish weighed a total of 14-3/4 pounds.

Picture compliments of The Elba Bait Shop.

Pete Flowers holds a 9-3/4 pound White Armour he caught Monday while fishing in the Coffee County Lake.

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A. J. Haynes caught this 12-1/4-pound catfish Monday while fishing in the Coffee County Lake.

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Jerry Hammond caught this "mess" of catfish in a private pond. The fish weighed a total of 12 pounds.

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James R. Bartley holds 7-3/4 pounds of catfish he caught at the Coffee County Lake.

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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL STANDINGS

(THRU JULY 4)

	W	L	Gb
New Brockton	14	3	--
Auto Sav	13	3	1-1/2
Victoria Blues	13	3	1-1/2
Misfits	10	7	4
Jewel Box	10	8	4-1/2
Black Sheep	8	10	6-1/2
Victoria Reds	7	11	7-1/2
Nat'l Security	2	14	11-1/2
Dorsey Darlings	1	17	13-1/2

Ken Martin Wins Elba Country Club Championship

Ken Martin fired rounds of 34-35-37 for a total of 106 (two-under-par) to win the Elba Country Club Golf Tournament held Monday, July 4.

The tourney was divided into five flights and a junior division, with all golfers playing 18 holes. After the flight competition, the low 4 players in the tournament played an additional nine holes to determine the Club Champion.

The four finalists were Ken (69), Johnny Martin (69), Dale Crowe (73) and Joey Holley (76). Ken had a very steady final round, and was never in trouble although he did make 3 bogies. He bogeyed Number 1, 5 and 9, but birdied holes 2 and 3 enroute to his 37.

Johnny Martin entered the final round tied for the lead, but ran into immediate trouble and shot himself out of contention. Martin's scorecard on the final round started off reading bogey, bogey, double-bogey, par, bogey, bogey, and the defending champion never caught up despite birdies on 7 and 9. Johnny shot a final round of 40, for a total of 106 (one-over-par) and settled for 2nd place.

Third prize went to Dale Crowe, who had rounds of 37-36-38 for a total of 111 (three-over-par). Crowe had a topsy-turvy final round that included 4 birdies, 2 pars, 1 bogey, 1 double-bogey and 1 triple-bogey.

Finishing fourth was Joey Holley, who shot 35-37-39 for a total of 111 (seven-over-par). Holley played steady golf throughout the day, but failed to make any birdies on the final round, and settled for fourth place.

Following is a complete rundown on the tourney:

1st FLIGHT
1. Ken Martin - 69 (won sudden death)
2. Johnny Martin - 69

2nd FLIGHT
1. Joey Holley - 76
2. Randy Hornsby - 79

3rd FLIGHT
1. Stan Marsh - 82
2. Jimmy Martin - 84

4th FLIGHT
1. Kimmy Hamm - 87

JUNIOR DIVISION
1. Alan King - 90
2. Dan Wise - 91

(Junior division determined Club Junior Championship. King successfully defended his title.)

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Rev. Milton Dykes, Pastor
First Assembly of God, Elba

FORGIVENESS, THE PROMISE OF GOD

The Gospel of Luke the 15th chapter shares three parables of the lost finding forgiveness through repentance. The lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son - each are parables that Jesus used to show God's attitude toward sinners.

Though God never loves sin in any form, these parables show that God loves the sinner. How foolish the prodigal son was to separate himself from the love and fellowship of his Father. The scripture infers that this young man's father would provide all that he would ever need, plus the joy of a close father-son relationship. However, this young man, in his own poor judgment, left home and sinned against his

father.

One day at the end of sin's dark road he realized the folly of his way. As he returned home, many thoughts filled his mind. He thought that maybe he could simply become a servant in his father's house. Much to his surprise, as he arrived home his father greeted him with love as though nothing had happened. His wrong, through his repentance, was completely forgiven.

Possibly Satan has made you believe there is no forgiveness for your sin. Remember! Psalms 103:11, 12 shares: "For as the heavens are great above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that believe. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the evangelist urged his listeners to "repent, believe, and be saved." He asked those who had done so to meet him at the front where trained counselors would talk with them.

Several people, mostly in their teens, made their way slowly toward the front of the tent, and bowed on their knees in the grass. For several minutes the "invitation" continued while others went forward.

After more singing and testimonials from some of the congregation, the meeting was a meeting in Texas the next evening and arrangements were made for the dismantling of the tent.

Another "tent revival" had come and gone - with the unanimous opinion of everyone that it was the best yet.

K. Maynard Head is director of public relations at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky. 40977. Please write the author for your FREE copy of MOUNTAIN MOMENTS, a 25-page booklet containing selected columns.

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Dated this 29th day of June, 1977.

/s/ Jim Ellis
Register
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Public Notice on Environmental Review-The City of Elba, Alabama-Community Development Block Grant-1977 Application #B-77-HN-01-0008

An Environmental Review has been made on the following Project Activity:

(1) Acquisition and clearance of substandard structures with subsequent relocation of families.

(2) Paving, curbing, and gutting of Tucker Avenue and sidewalk construction on Newton Street.

(3) Acquisition of planning and management activities.

The project activity is not an action which will significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

It is the basis for the above finding.

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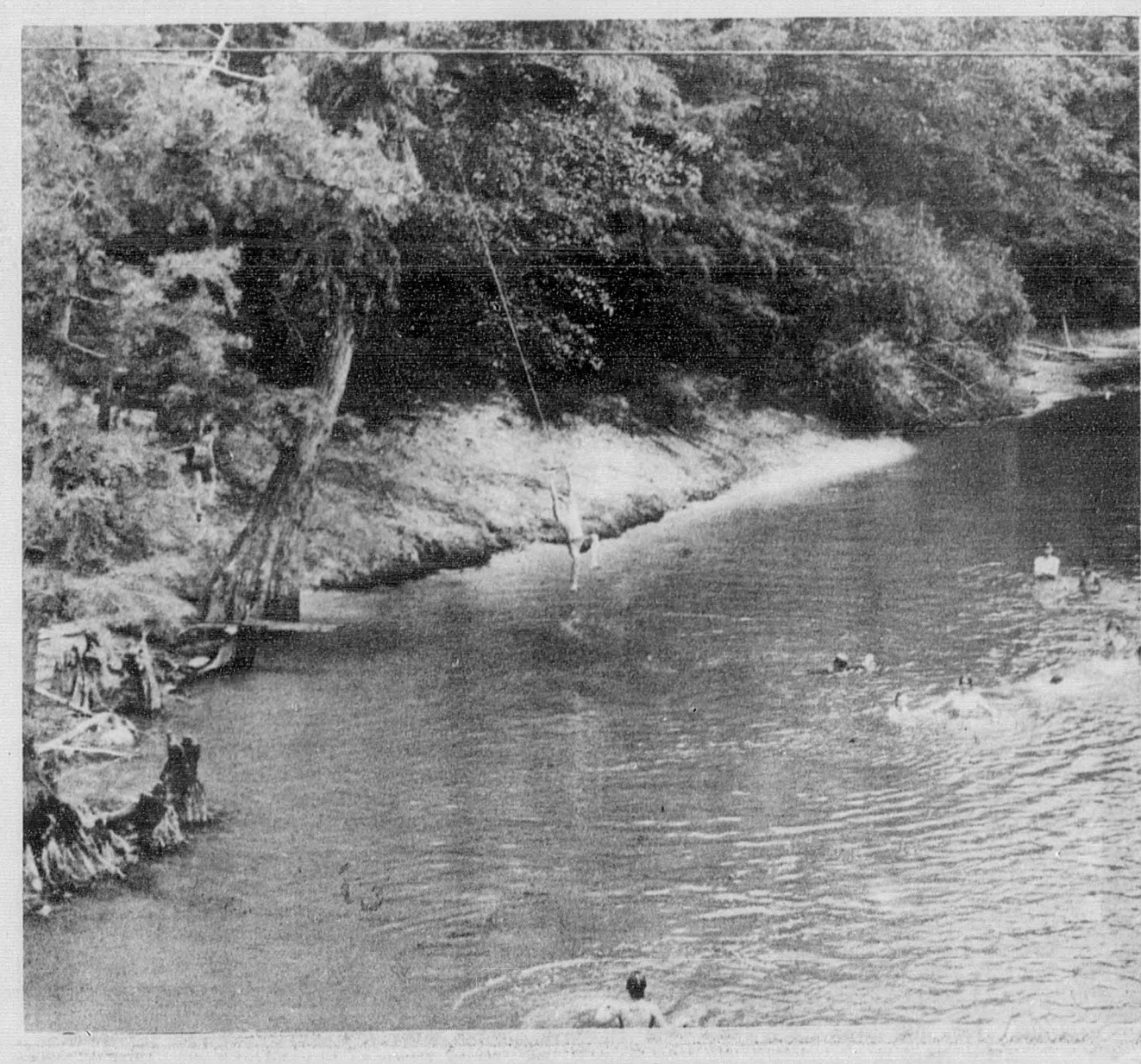
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"COME ON IN, THE WATER'S FINE" - AT COLES BRIDGE, SNELLGROVE'S MILL, ON PEA RIVER. THE COOL SUMMER SCENE IS COMPLETE WITH TREE SWING AND DIVING BOARD.

Fairview Man Found Dead In Garbage Truck Center Of City

Alford Waldon, age 42, of the Fairview Community, was discovered dead early Sunday morning in the back seat of his automobile on a seldom-used road off Highway 27 near the Conagra Poultry Plant. Waldon's body was found by a friend who had gone to search for him after Waldon's mother reported he hadn't come home Saturday night. Coffee County Sheriff Neil Grantham said Waldon's car apparently broke down and he probably got into the rear seat to sleep. Grantham added it was believed that he suffered a heart attack.

Folsom began the discussion by asking Street Superintendent Gerald Wambles to relate what happened at the beginning of the incident. Wambles told of taking the broken garbage truck to Enterprise on Thursday and getting a quick estimate of five or six thousand dollars. Wambles said he told a Mr. Frank Moore to check the truck and call the city clerk or mayor with a price on the repairs. Folsom then asked City Clerk Jack Prescott to relate what happened when Moore called.

Prescott said that in the first call, Moore said the truck was in bad condition and would cost \$12,000 to repair and suggested buying a new one for less than \$15,000.

Folsom then related that on Friday he, Prescott, Wambles and Councilman Cleo Hawkins and Mike Russell went to Enterprise and talked to Mr. Moore about the garbage truck body. Reportedly Moore told them it was beyond repair and not worth fixing and told Folsom he would allow nothing on trade-in.

The debate centered around this visit Friday. Prescott explained that he was in a tight place because he had already purchased the new body from Garwood and it could not be returned. The council was told that the body had been bought for \$12,000 and was in a real bind. Folsom said he was not declaring it an emergency and had not told Moore Elba was definitely taking the body.

Councilman Jimmy Wise, who was not present during any of the Thursday and Friday meetings, said that at the meeting Monday, and that the meeting Tuesday noted that re-

Operation Santa Now Officially Underway Here

Even though 1977 is only half a year old, Operation Santa Claus is already underway in Elba and other Wiregrass communities.

On Tuesday of this week, Sgt. Jim Prater, Project Coordinator from Ft. Rucker, met with Mayor Bob Folsom to kick off the project in Elba.

"We are starting early this year," explained Sgt. Prater, "because last year we got a lot of toys too late to repair," and we wanted to give ourselves plenty of time to work on them this year."

Even so, 30,000 toys were distributed among 25 communities in the Wiregrass area. Operation Santa Claus is a project that has the full, year-round attention of 10 to 15 volunteers. Army personnel of the 416th Transportation Company

Commissioners Continue Study Of Garbage Pickup Systems

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 11, at the Courthouse in Elba, and decided to visit Dallas County on Thursday, July 14, to examine the garbage pick-up system used in that county.

A group of commissioners visited Baldwin County last week to examine their garbage pick-up system, and a written report on Baldwin County's garbage system was presented to each commissioner.

The visits to various counties by the commissioners are an attempt to find an alternative method of garbage pick-up. Coffee County presently uses a container pick-up system in rural areas of the county, but the commission feels that the system is no longer financially acceptable. Commissioner Jack Hornby stated recently, "There has to be a better way to pick-up the garbage," and the visits are an attempt to find a better way.

The meeting was relatively short with no major resolutions passed. In action taken Monday, the commission:

- Received a letter from the U.S.D.A. that Coffee County had been declared a disaster area and was available for financial aid;
- Approved a copy of a letter sent from the Pensions and Security Director Ron Smith to the state office requesting permission to transfer a food stamp employee back to the Pensions and Security Office; The transfer will ease financial problems at the Food Stamp Office;
- Approved \$10 payment to re-

UTILITY BOARD TOLD All Water Wells Now Operating In Elba

The Elba Water and Electric Board met Tuesday evening, July 12, at City Hall with all members present.

The members are Charles Hayes, Oscar Vaughan, Mike Russell, Bob Folsom, and Cleo Hawkins.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, Board Chairman Charles Hayes informed the board that \$477.66 was owed to the Water and Electric Department in past due accounts from the June billing. \$168.27 was owed in inactive accounts and \$285.51 was owed from residents whose meters were pulled in early July.

City Clerk Jack Prescott reported the deposits had not been transferred in any of the past due accounts, but felt the deposits would cover most of the money owed.

A report revealed an increase in overtime hours being put in by Water and Electric Department employees, but Ed Compton, Superintendent of the Water and Electric Department, said the increase was due to recent electrical storms and transformer work being done.

Total revenue of \$101,538 was reported in June, while operating expenses totaled \$102,517 for a net loss of \$1021.

This loss was incurred by the Electrical Department. The city made a profit of \$7000 on water last month, but spent



Reardon Found Dead After Search

Willie Ray Reardon, age 52, of the Reeton Community, was found dead on Sunday, July 10, at 8:30 a.m., approximately 77 hours after he had been reported missing by members of his family.

The body was found in a wooded area only 1/2-mile from his home by Reardon's grandson, some cows as he had promised; authorized the city clerk to request bids on two new police cars and approved payment of \$11,000 in monthly bills.

Reardon was seen walking away from the home at 4:00 a.m. Thursday morning dressed only in a pair of pants and boots. Hours after he had been reported missing by members of his family.

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